

EXHIBIT A

Conversent's Proposed Information Requests Relating To Loops and Transport

I. Loops

A.) Self-Provisioning Trigger for Loops

- 1.) Have you self-provisioned dark fiber loops to a customer location? If yes, indicate the customer locations where you have self-provisioned dark fiber loops.
- 2.) Have you self-provisioned DS-3 loops to a customer location? If yes, indicate the customer locations where you have self-provisioned DS-3 loops. (Note: If you have obtained dark fiber loops from a wholesale provider pursuant to a long-term IRU and you attach your own DS-3 electronics to such dark fiber loops, you count as a self-provisioner of DS-3 loops.

B.) Wholesale Trigger for Loops

- 3.) Have you obtained DS-1 loops from a non-ILEC wholesale provider? If yes, please identify the non-ILEC wholesale provider and indicate the customer locations where you use DS-1 loops from such non-ILEC wholesale provider.
- 4.) Have you obtained DS-3 loops from a non-ILEC wholesale provider? If yes, please identify the non-ILEC wholesale provider and indicate the customer locations where you use DS-3 loops from such non-ILEC wholesale provider.

II. Dedicated Transport

C.) Self-Provisioning Trigger for Dedicated Transport

- 1.) Have you self-provisioned dark fiber dedicated transport? If yes, please indicate the specific interoffice spans where you have self-provisioned dark fiber dedicated transport. For each span identify the originating and terminating central offices between which the dark fiber is located.

(Note: To count as self-provisioned dark fiber dedicated transport you must have actually installed dark fiber on a "point-to-point route" (between ILEC switches or wire centers) that is "operationally ready to provide transport into or out of an ILEC central office" *and* such dark fiber "must terminate in a collocation arrangement which may be arranged either pursuant to a contract, tariff or where appropriate, Section 251(c)(6) of the Act." See ¶¶ 400, 406 of the *Triennial Review Order*.)

- 2.) Have you self-provisioned DS-3 dedicated transport? If yes, please indicate the specific interoffice spans where you have self-provisioned DS-3 dedicated

transport. For each DS-3 span identify the originating and terminating central offices between which the dark fiber is located.

(Note: To count as self-provisioned DS-3 dedicated transport you must have in place DS-3 level transport on a “point-to-point route” (between ILEC switches or wire centers) that is “operationally ready to provide transport into or out of an ILEC central office” *and* the DS-3 facility “must terminate in a collocation arrangement which may be arranged either pursuant to contract, tariff, or where appropriate, Section 251(c)(6) of the Act.” See ¶ 406 of the *Triennial Review Order*. Also note that you will be deemed to be a self-provisioner of DS-3 transport where you rely on dark fiber obtained from another carrier, including the ILEC (see n. 1225 of the *Triennial Review Order*) on a long-term IRU basis and have activated that fiber using its own optronics.)

D.) Wholesale Trigger for Dedicated Transport

- 1.) Have you obtained dark fiber dedicated transport from a non-ILEC wholesale provider? If yes, please indicate the specific interoffice spans where you have obtained non-ILEC wholesale dark fiber dedicated transport. For each span, identify the originating and terminating central offices between which the dark fiber is located.

(Note: To count as a wholesale dark fiber dedicated transport the wholesaler must be “immediately capable and willing to provide [dark fiber] transport. . . along a given route between ILEC switches or wire centers.” (See ¶¶ 400, 409 of *Triennial Review Order*.)

- 2.) Have you obtained DS-1 dedicated transport from a non-ILEC wholesale provider? If yes, please indicate the specific interoffice spans where you have obtained non-ILEC wholesale DS-1 dedicated transport. For each span, identify the originating and terminating central offices between which the DS-1 facility is located.

(Note: to count as DS-1 dedicated transport obtained from a wholesaler the wholesaler must be “immediately capable and willing to provide the transport at [DS-1] capacity along a given route between incumbent LEC switches or wire centers.” See ¶ 400 of the *Triennial Review Order*.)

- 3.) Have you obtained DS-3 dedicated transport from a non-ILEC wholesale provider? If yes, please indicate the specific interoffice spans where you have obtained non-ILEC wholesale DS-3 dedicated transport. For each span, identify the originating and terminating central offices between which the DS-3 facility is located.

(Note: to count as DS-3 dedicated transport obtained from a wholesaler the wholesaler must be “immediately capable and willing to provide the transport at [DS-3] capacity along a given route between incumbent LEC switches or wire centers.” See ¶ 400 of the *Triennial Review Order*.)